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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN DELEGATION TO OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

ACCORDING ALL INFO AVAILABLE HERE LIBERIAN DEL, HEADED BY FONMIN WEEKS, CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING:

(A) MINFORAFFS ROCHEFORTE WEEKS. MINISTER IS LAWYER BY TRAINING AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA. ALTHOUGH INTELLIGENT AND COMPETENT, HE IS NOT A DRIVING FORCE. HE EXPRESSES CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN JOB TO WHICH HE WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED BY TOLBERT; NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY HAS NOT FOUND HIM TO BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL OR EFFECTIVE. HE IS PLEASANT AND FRIENDLY IN CONVERSATION.

(B) DR. T. O. DOSUMUM JOHNSON, ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS. ELDERLY, US EDUCATED (TUSKEGEE; LINCOLN, WHERE HE WAS CLASSMATE OF NKRUMAH; COLUMBIA, MA). HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN MISSIONARY WORK AND LIBERIAN UN DELEGATIONS. NOT WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND POSITION LARGELY HONORIFIC.

(C) AMB. C. T. O. KING, LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS. SHOULD BE WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY. ELDERLY, MEMBER OF VERY PROMINENT AMERICO-LIBERIAN FAMILY AND SON OF LATE PRESIDENT C. D. B. KING. NOT GENERALLY CONSIDERED AMONG LIBERIA'S MORE EFFECTIVE DIPLOMATS.

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(D) JOHN WISSEH MCCLAIN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MINISTER.
YOUNG, US EDUCATED. NEW TO JOB BUT VERY APPROACHABLE AND
FRIENDLY. INTELLIGENT BUT SOMETIMES TENDS TO SHOOT FROM HIP.
SHOULD BE GOOD CONTACT.

(E) WINSTON TUBMAN. COUNSELLOR OF MINISTRY; NEPHEW OF
LATE PRESIDENT. MOST ABLE MEMBER OF DELEGATION. LAWYER WITH
HARVARD DEGREE. IS ALSO LIBERIAN LAW OF SEA EXPERT. TUBMAN
IS THOUGHTFUL AND ARTICULATE. HE IS NOT IN COMPLETE SYMPATHY
WITH TOLBERT ADMINISTRATION ALTHOUGH IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THESE
THOUGHTS WOULD EMERGE AT ADDIS. IS BEST CONTACT AND CONSIDER-
ABLY MORE EXPERIENCED THAN MCCLAIN.

(F) C. ANSUMANA COOPER, DIRECTOR, AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS
DEPT., MINFORAFFS. NOT WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY; QUIET AND FRIENDLY,
GENERALLY REMAINS IN BACKGROUND.
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